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Data for January 2006
(Preliminary)

**Economic Growth
Region 10**

Please Note: The Indiana portion of the Louisville, KY-IN MSA has been changed. The new configuration includes Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington Counties. Information in this newsletter includes Claims information, information on job openings and Labor Force information for the whole of Economic Growth Region 10.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.

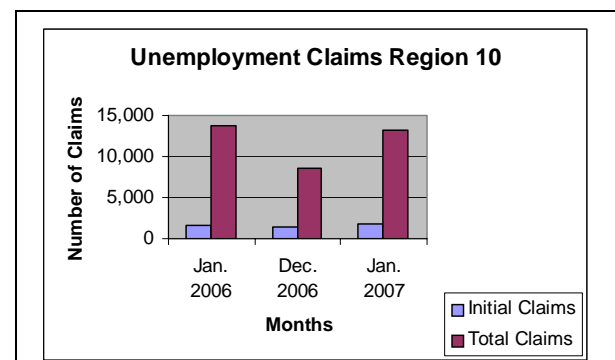
The counties in the new Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 are Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington.

Beginning with the January 2006 data, the information in this newsletter will be only for the new Economic Growth Region 10.

Due to this analyst's retirement your new Regional Market Analyst will be Cathy Boatman who is located in Evansville, IN. Her address, telephone number and e-mail address may be found at the end of this Labor Market Review.

Unemployment Compensation Claims The total number of unemployment compensation claims for January 2007 was 13,141 which represented a gain of 4,591 from the December 2006 figure of 8,550. The following chart and graph show the comparisons for January 2007 and December and January 2006. These claims were filed through the New Albany Department of Workforce Development office.

	Initial	Total
	Claims	Claims
January 2006	1,660	13,676
December 2006	1,425	8,550
January 2007	1,792	13,141



**Job Openings January 2007
Indiana Economic Growth Region 10**

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
Occupational Title	Openings	Wage
Meat, Poultry & Fish: Cutters & Trimmers	51	9.50
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	32	7.47
Production Laborers	32	9.91
Production Inspectors, Testers & Graders	27	11.08
Structural Metal Workers	20	11.25
Kitchen Helpers	9	9.00
Personal and Home Care Aides	9	9.70
Home Health Aides	8	10.13
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	8	10.13
Welders & Cutters	8	12.67
Welder-Fitters	8	12.67
Janitors & Cleaners	6	8.44
Other Hand Material Movers	6	8.85
Extrude/Forming Machine Operators	5	10.38
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	5	8.33

The January 2007 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 10 received during January. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

As of January 2006 the Job Openings information will be included for Economic Growth Region 10 only. As stated previously, this region includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties.



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	JAN. 2007	DEC. 2006	JAN. 2006
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench-marked
United States	151,924,000	144,275,000	7,649,000	5.0	4.3	5.1
Indiana	3,266,011	3,078,156	187,855	5.8	4.7	5.4
Clark County	55,542	52,634	2,908	5.2	4.3	4.9
Crawford County	5,413	4,910	503	9.3	6.4	9.5
Floyd County	38,886	36,978	1,908	4.9	4.1	4.9
Harrison County	20,328	19,133	1,195	5.9	4.5	5.9
Scott County	11,594	10,807	787	6.8	5.8	6.4
Washington County	14,657	13,681	976	6.7	5.7	7.0

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The January 2007 data are preliminary data and January 2006 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 10 has been included.

The national and statewide data given are not seasonally adjusted.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY		
RANK – JAN. 2007	COUNTY	JAN. 2007 RATE
67	Clark	5.2
1	Crawford	9.3
78	Floyd	4.9
50	Harrison	5.9
27	Scott	6.8
33	Washington	6.7

Crawford County ranked 1st with a rate of 9.3 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 3.6%.



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